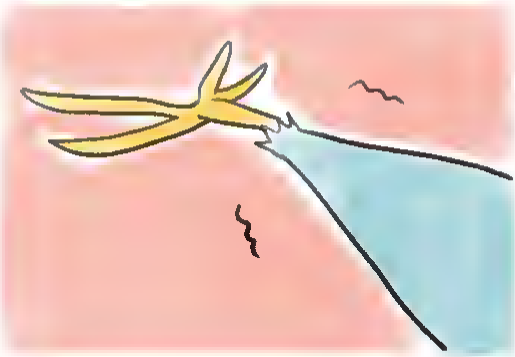

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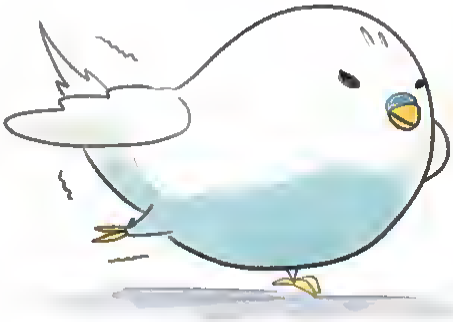
PRECIOUS MOMENT

PART ONE

>STRETCH<



EW TONY?!

WHAT IS THAT ON YOUR HEAD?

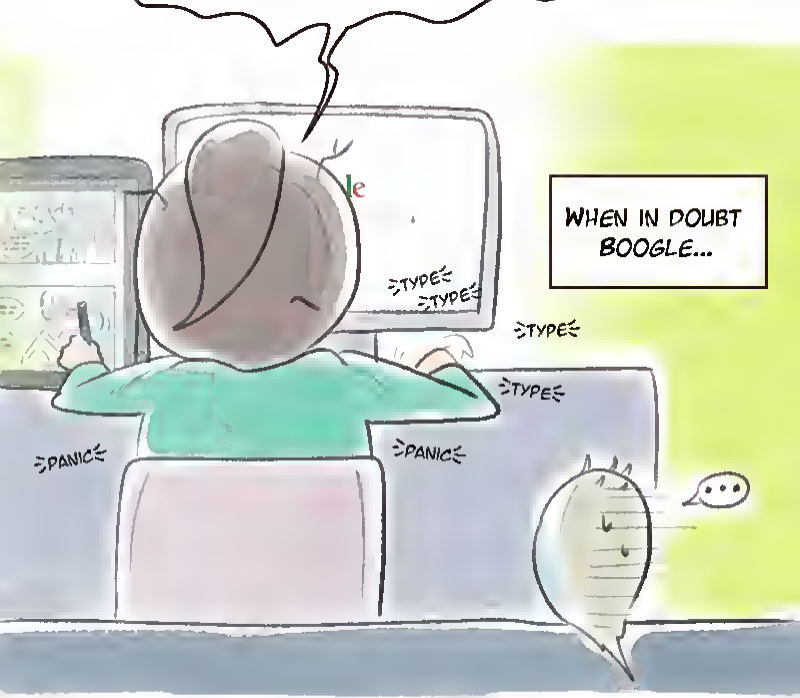
HUH?

ITS SPIKEY AND POINTY,

AND DOTTY!!!? IT LOOKS WEIRD!
WHAT HAPPENED TONY?!

I DUNNO?

QUICK! MY BUDGIE IS HAVING A WEIRD SPIKEY THINGS GROWING ON HIS HEAD! IS IT A DISEASE? A SICKNESS? FLEA? WHAT IS IT AND AND WHAT SHOULD I DO?!!!



LATER I FOUND OUT HE IS GOING THROUGH A MOLTING SEASON.

=SCRATCH=
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THEY WERE CALLED..

"PIN FEATHERS"

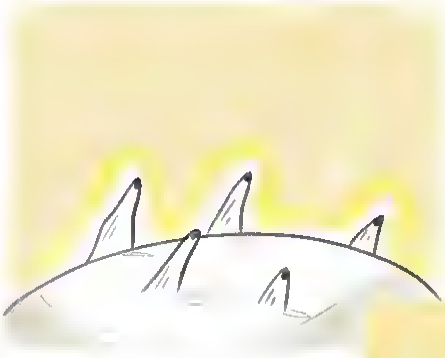
WHERE NEW FEATHERS GROW OUT.

YUP..

IT SAYS YOU WILL BE ITCHY MOST OF THE TIME. TAKING A BATH WILL HELP BUT USUALLY RUBBING THE FEATHERS WILL BE QUICKER...RUBBING?
NO...I DO NOT WEAR GLASSES.

IN OTHER WORDS,

A THIN WAX LAYER FORMS AROUND THE NEW FEATHERS.



HENCE, THESE **NEW** FEATHERS ARE COCOONED BY THE WAX, MAKING IT POINTY AND WEIRD.

RUBBING IT WILL BRING OUT THE NEW FEATHERS.

WATERING IT WILL SOFTEN THE WAX TOO.

AND THEN, THE WAX LAYER WILL DISSOLVE, CREATING FLAKES, (THAT LOOKS LIKE DANDRUFF)

AND WALLA!

A NEW FEATHER IS BORN!

USUALLY OTHER BIRDS WOULD GROOM EACH OTHERS PIN FEATHERS.

BUT!

IF YOUR BUDGIE DOESNT HAVE ANY OTHER BIRDS TO HELP OUT, THEN YOU, AS THE OWNER, CAN RUB THE FEATHERS.

HELP YOUR PET! BUDGIES WILL LOVE BEING SCRATCHED ON THE HEAD!!!

PET TONYS HEAD?

SCRATCH HIS HEAD?!

BUT...

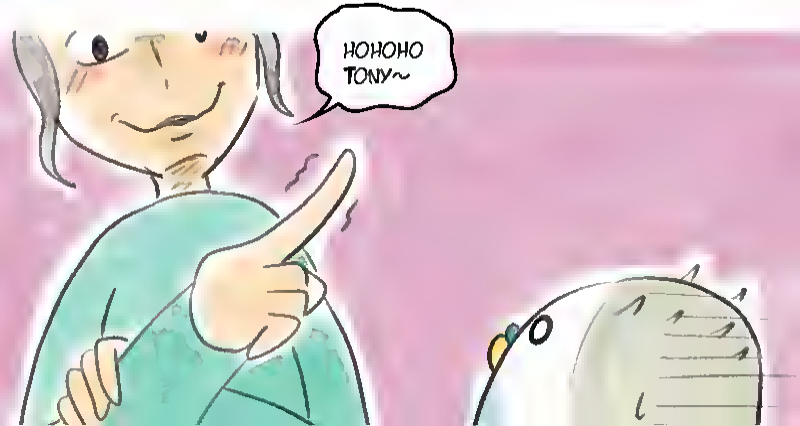
TONY NEVER LETS ME **TOUCH** HIS HEAD..

IT MUST BE A REALLY
SENSITIVE SPOT.

THEN...

TH-THIS

IS MY **CHANCE!**



OH GREAT...WHAT IS SHE PLANNING NEXT..?

TO BE CONTINUED IN PART 2...

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